

I recently read about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I understand that Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies like Sinclair FORCE their local affiliates to air or not air certain programming, we get more of what may be good for the corporate bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.